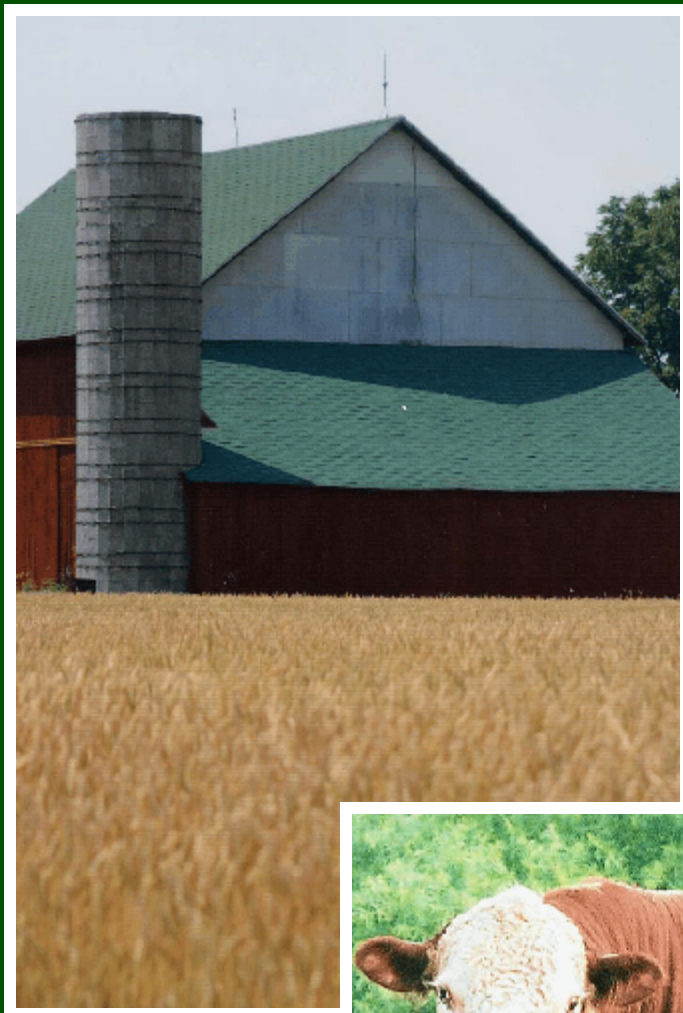


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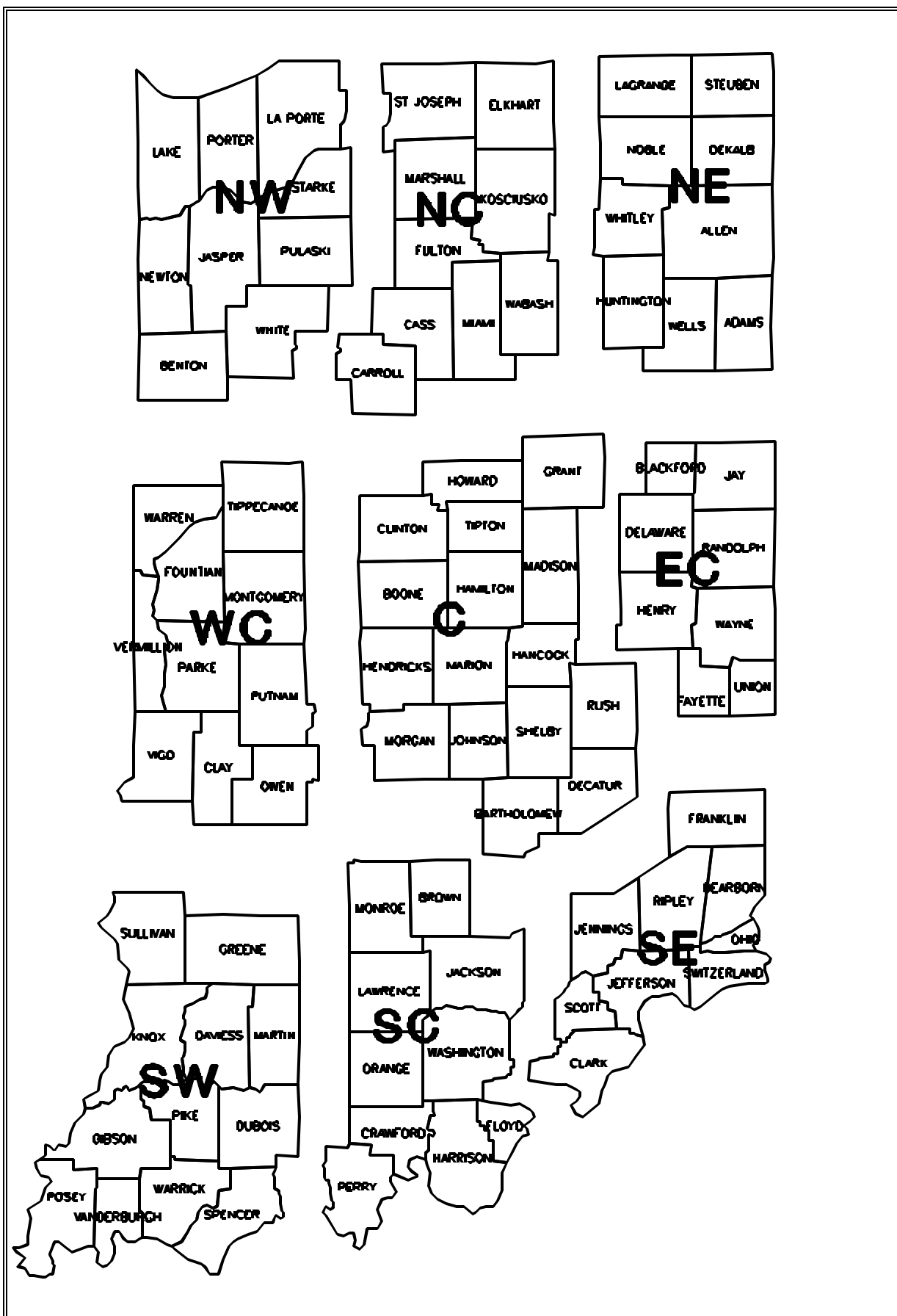


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"Red Barn & Wheat Field" was taken by Natalie Schuler from Roann, Indiana. This is Natalie's first year in 4-H and she is nine years old. Natalie said, "My aunt bought me a camera and taught me how to use it. I enjoy taking pictures to remember that event."

"Big Jake" was taken by Elese Hacker from New Castle, Indiana. Elese is a five year member of 4-H and is thirteen years old. The bull can be found on her grandparents farm. Elese enjoys the challenge of capturing photos that are show worthy. She likes to use her camera lens to turn the ordinary into extraordinary.

The photograph on the back of the cover is named "Best Buds", and was taken by nine year old Saige Dunafin of La Grange, Indiana. Saige is a first year 4-H member, and says she likes to capture memories so that she can look at them over and over again.

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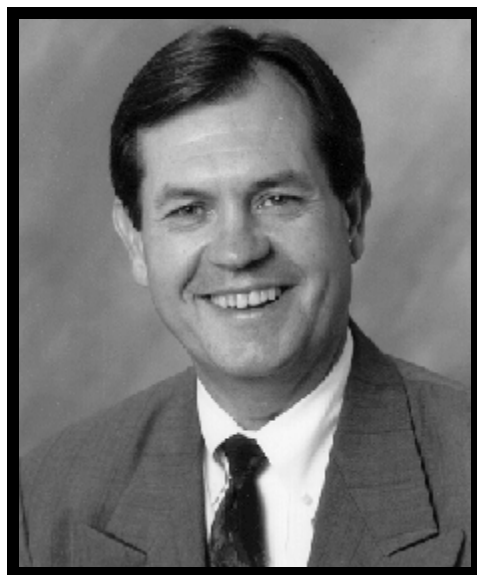
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In this issue of the 2005-2006 Indiana Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary you will find information about Indiana's agriculture. The data contained in this book provides the most accurate, reliable and unbiased information regarding Indiana's agricultural production. Our goal for this publication remains unchanged. We hope to help the public become better acquainted with and understand the current situation of Indiana's farming community. Hoosier crop farmers should take pride in the fact that Indiana continues to rank near the top in the production of corn, soybeans, popcorn, tobacco, blueberries, peppermint, spearmint, processing tomatoes, and vegetables for processing. Indiana livestock producers helped put Indiana's rank at the top for hogs, chickens, eggs, and turkeys raised. The information in this annual summary is collected from farmers using surveys throughout the year. The voluntary response and cooperation of Indiana farmers, agricultural business firms, USDA Farm Services Agency County staff, Purdue University County Extension Staff, the NASDA Enumerators, and others across the state makes this annual summary possible. As always, the Indiana Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service pledges confidentiality of all individual reports or business data.

We are again pleased to feature the photography talents of 24 individual 4-H members in Indiana's 2005-2006 Agricultural Statistics Annual Summary. These photographs, exhibited at the 2005 Indiana State Fair, provide a glimpse of the wide variety of Indiana's agriculture from future farmers perspective. We are grateful to all of the 4-H members who submitted their photos for publication.

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Sincerely,

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